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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, OPIC, RW

SUBJECT: RWANDA TEA PROJECT

1. FROM TEA IMPORTERS INC. WERTHEIM. REFERENCE IFC MESSAGE FEBRUARY 25, NEGOTIATIONS STILL CONTINUING. FINMIN NOT YET AGREED TO CONFIRM IN WRITING THAT INVESTMENT CODE APPLICABLE TO RWANDAN COMPANIES. ALSO NO ACTION YET RE OPIC LETTER. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED DELICATE STAGE. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WISH TO PREVENT MAKING ANY CHANGES IN STATUTES AS THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE STRAW THAT BREAKS CAMEL'S BACK. IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO OPIC AND IFC TO LEAVE PARAGRAPH 12 UNALTERED AND COVER SIRT'S AND USINES AUTHORITY TO BORROW RWANDAN FRANCS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE THROUGH BOARD RESOLUTIONS? IT MUST BE BORNE IN MIND THAT STRUCTURE OF CORPORATIONS IS BASED ON UTILIZATION OF FOREIGN FUNDS AND CANNOT POSSIBLY ENVISAGE ANY PROBLEMS ON THIS SCORE.

2. EMB COMMENT: EMB CONCURS WERTHEIM ASSESSMENT. RESPONSIBLE GOR OFFICIALS COMPLETELY EXASPERATED WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE CONTINUAL AND EXCESSIVELY DETAILED LEGALISMS-- HOWEVER VALID THEY MAY BE FROM OPIC AND IFC VIEW. IT SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT EACH NEW REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY CONFIRMATION EXPOSES PROJECT TO COMPLEXITIES POSED BY MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND GOR MINISTERS CANNOT CONTINUALLY OVERRULEE  
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THEM. GOR PRIDE AND IMPULSIVENESS COULD LEAD IT TO SHIFT

TEA FACTORY TO OTHER INTERESTS DESPITE THE ECONOMIC AND  
FINANCIAL RATIONALE MAKING IT UNWISE TO DO SO. IN EMB  
VIEW, ANY FURTHER DEMANDS ON GOR PRIOR BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION  
WILL RPT WILL SERIOUSLY ENDANGER THE PROJECT.

3. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT. FRITTS

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